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1. GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECEMBER 17 APPROVED WITHOUT FORMAL OBJECTION OR CHALLENGE THE APPOINTMENT OF TWENTY MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE UN COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE. MEMBERSHIP IS AS PROJECTED REFTEL WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS: CYPRUS AND TUNISIA WILL TAKE PART INSTEAD OF NIGERIA AND CAMEROON.

2. AFTER SENEGAL PRESENTED THE LIST OF TWENTY FOR GA APPROVAL, ISRAELI PERMREP HERZOG MADE THE ONLY STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT. HE SAID ISRAEL WILL NEITHER COOPERATE WITH THE COMMITTEE NOR RECOGNIZE ITS COMPETENCE, SINCE IT WAS SET UP TO CARRY OUT GA RESOLUTION 3376. THAT RESOLUTION, HE CONTINUED, WAS NOT ONLY TOTALLY ONE-SIDED BUT HAD AS ITS AIM THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

3. IN ACCORDANCE REFTELS, AMB BENNETT INFORMED TURKISH CHARGE AKIMAN OF OUR OPPOSITION TO COMMITTEE IN LIGHT OF ITS UNBALANCED TERMS OF REFERENCE. BENNETT NOTED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP WAS UNUSUAL COMPANY FOR TURKEY, ALL WEOS EXCEPT MALTA HAVING SHUNNED PARTICIPATION. AKIMAN REMARKED SOMEWHAT INGENUOUSLY THAT TURKISH PARTICIPATION WAS NOT AIMED AGAINST ISRAEL, BUT WAS MEANT RATHER TO BE A GESTURE TOWARD THE PLO.

4. COMMENT: TURKEY'S LAST MINUTE DECISION CLEARLY PRECIPITATED THAT OF CYPRUS, AND AS USUAL THE CYPRUS PARTIES' TRIBUTE TO THE ARABS WILL CANCEL OUT.

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